

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowance of claims 2-10, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged and appreciated. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 2 has been amended to be in independent form, including features of claim 1. Claims 3-10 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 2. Accordingly, claims 2 -10 are now believed to be allowable.

Claims 1 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art in view of Sekine. As discussed above, claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 2. Accordingly, claim 11 is now believed to be allowable.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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